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Macgregor: ACT's fastest growing suburb

The suburb of Macgregor is the ACT's fastest growing with its population increasing by more than 20% between 2009 and 2010, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

An additional 800 people resided in Macgregor in the twelve months to June 2010, making it also the ACT's highest growing suburb in 2010.

Macgregor is one of a number of regions in ACT's north that has experienced rapid population growth over the past five years. Harrison has also increased its population by more than six-fold since 2006, growing from 707 to 4579 in 2010.

The above population data are just a feature of many economic, social and environmental statistical online profiles updated today. This includes over 110 statistical local areas in the ACT and over 2000 regions across Australia.

The ABS's National Regional Profile makes it easy for local communities to compare their regions with neighbouring districts, other regions in the ACT and elsewhere in Australia.

There are data available on hundreds of items, including average income levels, unemployment rates, number of motor vehicles, value of building approvals, and much more.

For example, did you know:

- Forrest has the highest average value of private sector housing approvals (\$794,000) in the ACT, followed by O'Malley (\$710,000); and
- Kingston residents on average earn the highest salaries in the ACT (\$67,960 in 2008-09), slightly higher than those living in Narrabundah (\$67,942).

Regional information is available over a five year period up to 2010, so local communities can track changes over time in the characteristics of their areas.

The Google Maps interface makes finding regions a cinch. To get started, just click on the 'National Regional Profile' link on the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au

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